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# BLACKLIONS PHASE TO FLY

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Sailors assigned to the "Blacklions" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 213 assembled in hangar bay three aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) to perform an internal and external inspection on aircraft 202 to prepare it for flight operations. Various work centers of VFA-213 united to perform corrosion control, engine maintenance and electric wiring as well as work on ejection seats, ordnance, hydraulic systems and radar.

- 1.) (from the left) Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Nicholas Costello, Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Alex Cruz and Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Prince Agyemang push up the aft starboard horizontal stabilizer to remove the engine bay doors of an F/A-18 Super Hornet assigned to the "Blacklions" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 213.
- 2.) Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Lerhone Burch of VFA-213 assembles an M-61A2 gun of an F/A-18 Super Hornet.
- 3.) Aviation Electronics Technician Airman William Vasquez removes an instrument landing system receiver from a Super Hornet.
- 4.) Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Joshua Wood shaves down bolts on the aft starboard aileron of a Super Hornet.
- 5.) Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Nicholas Costello removes a fuel catch fan on an edge bay door of a Super Hornet.



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